



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**7:00 PM**

**October 3, 2023**

### IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION FOR HYBRID MEETING MODEL

The following location has been determined to hold the in-person meetings for Riondel Commission of Management:

**Location Name:** Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6

**Location Address:** 1511 Eastman Ave., Riondel BC

The facility listed above will be able to accommodate the remote requirements for the meeting.

### Meeting Link:

<https://nelsonho.webex.com/nelsonho/j.php?MTID=m379e54c5c213884ee461a71aa5228417>

**Toll Free number:** 1-604-449-3026 Canada Toll (Vancouver)

**Meeting Number (access code):** 2770 495 0160

### COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner T. Wilkinson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

### STAFF

Roberta Van Steinburg

**5 out of 5 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### 2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** and  
seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the October 3, 2023 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as presented with the following additions:

- 7.11 Drainage Update
- 8.8 Riondel Community Association
- 8.9 Radon Tester

**Carried**

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The September 5, 2023 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

**5. DELEGATE**

No Delegate

**6. PUBLIC TIME**

Chair Panio called for questions from the public at 7:07 p.m. A local resident was in attendance to speak to correspondence the Commission received regarding the revisiting of the Telus Cell Tower site. The resident suggested that considering this is the 4<sup>th</sup> fire season since the original tower discussion, it is time to revisit provision of cell phone service in the Riondel area. It is essential to have clear concise, updated and accessible communication in the event of emergencies. The high risk factors is that Riondel residents live in a fire-vulnerable forest, with only one road into and out of the town.. Current emergency awareness provides an opportunity to put pressure from above to get companies to do the right thing for improved communication.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7.1 Cell Service Discussion**

Chair Panio is requesting to rescind the motion from the September 5, 2023 RCM Meeting, based on errors in procedural protocols. Chair Panio will draft a new letter for the Commission to review for the November 7, 2023, RCM Meeting.

**MOVED** and  
seconded,  
AND Resolved:

That the RCM rescind the motion from the September 5, 2023, RCM Meeting directing Chair Panio to write Telus asking them to revisit the cell tower initiative.

**7.2 Riondel Community Centre Renovations Update**

Chair Panio reported that there still has not been a meeting with the architect, Joe Chirico, and AJ Evanson the project manager. The reason the meeting has not occurred is because the Community Centre needed to have a building assessment review done. . Once the assessment is filed, it will be forwarded to the architect and will help to determine what the next steps will be.

**7.3 Outdoor Security Camera Update**

Chair Panio reported this initiative is ongoing. There are no updates to provide

at this time.

#### **7.4 Playground Cleanup**

Commissioner Anderson provided a verbal update regarding playground cleanup. A work day was arranged with an eager young local resident to do some cleanup at the playground, but he did not show. Commissioner Anderson has set up another date to meet again to do the work and will provide an update at the next meeting.

#### **7.5 Installation of Hot Air Hand Dryers in the Washrooms**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the installation of hot air hand dryers in the public washrooms. Chair Panio contacted Joe Chirico to see if he could provide some information on the dryers for costing measures. This is still in process.

#### **7.6 Proposed Ferry Schedule Changes**

Chair Panio reviewed the draft letter of support written for improvements in ferry service. Chair Panio will revise the letter to include points raised during tonight's discussion, and recirculate it to the Commissioners for review and comment. Pending no objections, Chair Panio will send the letter out.

#### **7.7 New Riondel Town Sign**

Commissioner Anderson provided the Commission with a verbal update on new town signage. Director Jackman reported on a "Wayfinding" and "Directional Signs" funding project for Area's A, B, C and the town of Creston, with the first priority being signage. Riondel Community is listed as a number one priority. Director Jackman forwarded contact information to Chair Panio to follow up. Maintenance person Evan Salmon has indicated he knows someone who may be able to design new signs for us, and Director Anderson will also contact a sign company in Creston for an estimate.

#### **7.8 Backstop Replacement**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update including a local resident who is willing to replace the current structure. The hope is that this will be completed soon and the \$4,000 grant will not be lost. Chair Panio also reported that he is working on getting quotes for an irrigation system for the ball field as Teck is willing to donate funds. Director Jackman informed the Chair to contact Larry Brown at RDCK as he has a wealth of knowledge that may be beneficial on this subject.

#### **7.9 Rental Rate Discussion**

This discussion is tabled to the November 7, 2023 Commission meeting.

#### **7.10 Emergency Preparedness Update**

Commissioner Wilkinson provided a verbal report regarding Emergency Preparedness including an update on a questionnaire that was sent out earlier in the year. He has been in discussion with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator from Brittney Anderson's office who will help advocate for a road to be possibly built from the bridge to Johnson's Landing as well if there was need for the ferry to pull into Galena Bay in emergency situations. Director Jackman also provided contact information for the new Creston Valley and East Shore

MoTI representative as a resource.

### **7.11 Drainage Update**

Chair Panio provided a verbal update regarding drainage including an inquiry into what the \$36,000 was budgeted under capital expenditures for drainage was in reference to. The response was the capital budget for Riondel drainage was added to address an emerging issue as a property owner applied for a property development; however, the property owner is not going to pursue the development. It is hoped that some work can still be done on replacing some decaying wooden intake manholes.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Book Exchange Location**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the location for the book exchange including that the attendant shack by the recycle bin is being used for a book drop and exchange. It was recommended a “Books Only, Please” sign be installed. Director Jackman provided a contact for funding for Libraries and Reading Centres through Regional District Service. Chair Panio will write a letter asking for funds to assist with the purchase of a paper guillotine which can remove the spine of the books for recycling purposes.

### **8.2 New Riondel Community Association**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update including that the Seniors Association will be winding up, and it will be reincarnated as the Riondel Community Association. This will be a new society with a new mandate and should be up and running by the end of the year.

### **8.3 Upgrades to Media Lab**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the proposed upgrades to the media lab including the purchase of a new Media Quest 3 Headset for the lab.

### **8.4 Display of Historical Information**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the display of historical information on Riondel found in storage. It was suggested to hang these posters in the entrance hallway so they can be seen by the users of the facility.

### **8.5 Air Purifier donation**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the donation of an Epurair air purifier. The purifier has been installed in the library. A thank you letter has been sent to the donor from the Commission as well as from the library.

### **8.6 Furnace Service Repair**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the recent furnace service and repair including an issue with the furnace in the basement was discovered. The technician repaired it, and serviced all of the furnaces. The technician also noted the baseline temperature on the thermostats should be 60 degrees, as well as all vents should remain open for optimal furnace operation.

**8.7 Call for Commissioners**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the current vacancies on the Riondel Commission Management. Commissioner

Wilkinson mentioned that he may not be seeking another term.

**8.8 Radon Tester**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the purchase of a radon tester to loan out to residents, distributed by the library or Commission staff.

Director Jackman reported that the BC Lung Association, bclung.ca, could provide radon testers. Director Jackman will follow up.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Panio reported there has been some more correspondence regarding the cell tower, both from those in favour and those who are not in favour. This correspondence has been forwarded to the Commission members.

**10. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report including the importance to have at least two more community members step up to be on the newwater and drainage advisory committee. It is currently inactive and this is a disservice to the community as a whole.

**11. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

No report, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly financials will be provided to the Commission in the next couple of weeks which will be a good summary that is intended to be useful for yearend projections and next fiscal year budget preparation.

**12. PUBLIC TIME**

No public.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on November 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and  
seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

**Carried**



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**Gerald Panio, Chair**